performing game processing in accordance with player input;

detecting an event in the game processing, wherein the event is associated with a sound;

delaying the sound to synchronize the sound with background music; and generating the sound associated with the event.

- 2. (Amended) The computer program product according to claim 1, wherein the sound is a sound effect generated within the game processing.
- (Amended) A method for outputting an audio signal, comprising: detecting an event during game processing, wherein the event is associated with a sound;

delaying the sound to synchronize the sound with background music; and generating the sound associated with the event.

- 4. (Amended) The method for outputting the audio signal according to claim3, wherein the sound is a sound effect generated within the game processing.
- 5. (Amended) A game device, comprising: means for performing game processing in accordance with player input; means for detecting an event in the game processing, wherein the event is associated with a sound;

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means for generating the sound associated with the event.

6. (Amended) A computer program product having a computer readable storage medium for storing a program, wherein the program executes a method for generating an audio signal, comprising:

performing game processing in accordance with player input;

generating an accompaniment corresponding to the status of a game;

detecting an event in the game processing, wherein the event is

associated with a melody;

delaying the melody to synchronize the melody with a progression of an accompaniment; and

generating the melody associated with the event.

- 7. (Amended) The computer program product according to claim 6, wherein the progression of the accompaniment includes information on timing of the generation of the melody which is predetermined for every accompaniment.
- 8. (Amended) The computer program product according to claim 6, wherein the computer program further includes deciding a scale in the melody that corresponds to a type of event.

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1300 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 202.408.4000 Fax 202.408.4400 www.finnegan.com 10. (Amended) A method for outputting a sound signal, comprising: performing game processing in accordance with player input; detecting an event in the game processing, wherein the event is associated with a melody;

delaying the melody to synchronize the melody with a progression of an accompaniment; and

generating the melody associated with the event.

11. (Amended) The method for outputting a sound signal according to claim 10, wherein the progression of the accompaniment includes information on timing of the generation of the melody which is predetermined for every accompaniment.

- 12. (Amended) A method for outputting a sound signal according to claim 10, further comprising deciding a scale in the melody that corresponds to a type of event.
- 14. (Amended) A game device comprising: means for performing game processing in accordance with player input; means for detecting an event in the game processing, wherein the event is associated with a melody;

means for delaying the melody to synchronize the melody with a progression of an accompaniment; and

means for generating the melody associated with the event.

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